

Community Planners Committee

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CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joetta Mihalovich, Carmel Mountain Ranch
Paul Robinson, Centre City
Michael Sprague, City Heights
Steve Laub, College Area
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area
Pat Shields, Greater Golden Hill (7:10)
Elaine Boyd, Greater North Park (7:10)
Tom Hebrank, Kensington/Talmadge
Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa
Tim Golba, La Jolla
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa
Pam Glover, Mission Beach
Matthew Adams, Navajo
Judy Elliot, Normal Heights
Frank Basic, Old Town

Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach
Cynthia Conger, Peninsula (7:15)
James Denton, Rancho Bernardo
Joost Bende, Rancho Penasquitos
Mike Freedman, San Ysidro
Tamar Silverstein, Scripps Ranch
Doug Wescott, Serra Mesa
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego
Eric Germain, Tierrasanta
Dask Meeks, Torrey Hills
Faye Detsky-Weil, Torrey Pines (7:15)
Leo Wilson, Uptown

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Staff: Mary Briner, Betsy McCullough, and Bill Anderson

Guests: Sherri Lightner, Scott Whitley, Don Schmidt, Steven Haskins and Mark Lyon

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Steve Laub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
2. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Schmidt, former member of the La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA), clarified that the lawsuit filed against the LJCPA was for declaratory relief not money. Mr. Schmidt said he and other members believed the LJCPA was violating their own bylaws and wanted the City Attorney to investigate. Declaratory

Steve Haskins, representative of La Jolla's for Clean Government Inc., the non-profit citizens group that sued the LJCPA, stated that the suit is temporarily settled, pending an investigation by the City Attorney. Mr. Haskins spoke about Council Policy 600-24 and how that policy mirrors the Brown Act and that all work must be done in public and not in private. Mr. Haskins said the settlement reached will allow the City Attorney to perform an



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investigation of the allegations. Mr. Haskins referred the committee to lajollawatchdog.com for more information.

Mark Lyon, Secretary of the LJCPA spoke on the accusations of corruption. Mr. Lyon spoke on due process of the law and welcomed any investigation of the LJCPA. Mr. Lyon noted that Council Policy 600-24 states that the City Council has authorized the City Attorney to defend all community planning associations.

Guy Preuss expressed concern that the agendas are no longer mailed. Mr. Preuss said this disenfranchises a significant part of the community, since not everyone has a computer and/or internet access. Mr. Preuss said the cost of doing business should be borne by the City to make the agendas available in written format to all who are interested.

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** None.
4. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The director's report will be combined with the staff report.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The April Minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.
6. **CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT:** The Chair introduced Bill Anderson, newly appointed Director of City Planning and Community Investment (CPCI), formerly called the Planning Department. Mr. Anderson said CPCI will integrate the functions of Planning, Economic Development and Redevelopment. Mr. Anderson discussed issues, goals and strategies that will be addressed within the department.
7. **AFFORDABLE/IN-FILL HOUSING & SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS EXPEDITE PROGRAM: (Info Item)** Mike Westlake, Program Manager, Development Services Department, spoke briefly on the Affordable In-Fill Housing & Sustainable Buildings Expedite Program. The program goal is to reduce dependence on foreign oil and to reduce emissions that cause global warming. The program also helps to alleviate San Diego's affordable housing crisis by better coordinating the reviews of discretionary projects and significantly reducing processing time.
8. **ELECTION OF CPC OFFICERS: (Action Item)** Steve Laub reported that he was nominated for the Planning Commission board, and if elected he may have to resign from the CPC Chair position.

Eric Gemain stated that he emailed the CPC members on May 28th and again in early June, to inform about the rules on planning groups' eligibility to vote based upon their attendance. Several planning groups that may have been able to re-establish membership at the May meeting were unable to because the May meeting was cancelled. It was moved and seconded to suspend the CPC Bylaws for the purpose of allowing those representatives to vote in the election. The motion failed 2-23-0.

Eric Germain reported only one candidate for Chair, Steve Laub, one candidate for Vice Chair, Leo Wilson and no candidates for Secretary. Jeff Stevens nominated himself for Secretary. Mr. Germain moved to waive the rules on using a paper ballot to vote and have a show of hands instead, since the election is not contested. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Steve Laub as Chair of the CPC. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Leo Wilson as Vice Chair of the CPC. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Jeff Stevens as Secretary of the CPC.

9. REPORTS TO CPC:

- **Staff Report:** Betsy McCullough reported on the status of the General Plan and revisions made to the General Plan. The Planning Commission will discuss the Public Facilities Element and Economic Prosperity Element at their July 13, 2006 meeting. Land Use and Housing will discuss the Public Facilities, Economic Prosperity and Recreation Elements at their July 19, 2006 meeting. The reports will be posted on the web.
- **Subcommittee Report:** None.
- **Chairperson's Report:** None.

10. CPC MEMBER COMMENTS: Guy Preuss stated that Caltrans has a project development team meeting on July 20, 2006 between 2 and 4 p.m. in the new Caltrans Building in Old Town, regarding improvements to I-805. You can call (619) 220-5391 after July 10, 2006 for more information.

Eric Germain commented on the Airport Authority's proposition to move the airport to Miramar, which would take space from the Marines.

Steve Laub congratulated Jim Denton and his group for outstanding work and the recognition they received last month from the APA.

The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Operations Center II, Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa, California. After discussion on next meeting's agenda items, it was decided to delay the airport siting discussion and to hear the Housing Element and the La Jolla Planning Group's representation issue. The City Attorney may attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. by Steve Laub.

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